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SUBJ: SECRETARY GENERAL OF AMERICAN- ARAB GROUP SUBMITS
PROTEST TO EMBASSY

1. DR. MUHAMMAD MEHDI, SG OF ACTION COMM ON AMERICAN-
ARAB RELATIONS, WHO VISITING ABU DHABI AT INVITATION OF UAEG AS
PART OF SWING THROUGH GULF, CALLED ONCHARGE APRIL 12 TO
DELIVER LETTER ADDRESSED AMB STOLTZFUS PROTESTING PREY KENT' S

REMARKS MADE ON OCCASION OF PRESENTATION CREDENTIALS BY NEW
ISRAELI AMB. IN HIS LETTER, MEHDI SAID HIS ORGANIZATION
DISAPPOINTED WITH STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO PRESIDENT THAT
US SUPPORT OF ISRAEL OVER LAST 25 YEARS HAS BEEN IN INTEREST
ME PEACE. IN OPINION OF ACTION COMMITTEE, US MUST ASSUME
INDIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR LATEST ISRAELI ATTACK ON BEIRUT
BECAUSE USG HAS BEEN SUPPORTING JEWISH STATE MILITARILY AND
OTHERWISE. MEHDI ALSO EXPRESSED DISAGREEMENT WITH PLO CHARGE
THAT AMERICAN EMB BEIRUT MUST BE HELD DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE IN
PART FOR ISRAELI AGGRESSION. LETTER CONCLUDES BY SUGGESTING
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ON BEHALF ONE MILLION ARAB- AMERICANS, THAT AMB RELAY PROTEST
TO DEPT STATE AND WHITE HOUSE. ORIGINAL OF LETTER BEING
POUCHED KUWAIT WITH COPY TO NEA/ ARP.

2. PRESS REPORTED APRIL 11 THAT MEHDI SENT CABLE TO PLO
HEAD ARAFAT CONDEMNING ISRAELI AGGRESSION AGAINST CIVILIANS
AND HAD COMMENTED THAT PRESIDENT' S STATEMENT ENCOURAGED ISRAELIS,
WHO WILL CONTINUE THEIR AGGRESSION AGAINST ARABS AS LONG AS THEY
RECEIVE US SUPPORT.

3. DURING VISIT TO ABU DHABI MEHDI PRESENTED LECTURE AND WAS
INTERVIEWED BY PRESS. MAIN THRUST HIS REMARKS WAS ARAB STATES
MUST BE WILLING INVEST HUGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY IN US TO MOUNT
SUCCESSFUL PUBLICRELATIONS CAMPAIGN EQUAL TO THAT OF ZIONISTS.
ACCORDING MEHDI, ARABS MUST COMBAT ZIONISM PEACEFULLY AT ITS
MATERIAL SOURCE , WHICH IS US.

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